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SUBJECT: IAEA 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 1975: ELECTIONS  
TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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SUMMARY: IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS YEARS, QUESTION OF RE-  
GIONAL CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
AT THIS YEARS GENERAL CONFERENCE IS AS YET UNRESOLVED  
WITH COMPETING INTRA-REGIONAL CANDIDACIES IN TWO AREAS  
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(LATIN AMERICA, AFRICA) AND A THIRD CONTEST FOR ELECTION

TO "FLOATING"BOARD SEAT. ISSUE PROMISES TO BECOME  
BIGGEST PROBLEM FOR THIS YEAR'S SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. AS DEPT/ERDA AWARE, 19TH CG WILL BE REQUIRED TO  
FULFILL ANNUAL RESPONSIBILITY UNDER IAEA STATUTE OF  
ELECTING ELEVEN NEW MEMBERS OF AGENCY'S BOARD OF  
GOVERNORS FOR 1975-76 FROM AMONG EIGHT GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS.  
IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THIS EXERCISE HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT  
GENERALLY IN ROUTINE AND OFTEN CASUAL MANNER, CANDIDATES  
HAVING BEEN AGREED UPON BY PRIOR CONSULTATIONS AMONG  
THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGIONS.

2. INCREASED PUBLIC ATTENTION GIVEN TO NON-PROLIFERATION  
AND TO THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES SINCE THE INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION  
IN MAY 1974 HAS OBVIOUSLY HEIGHTENED THE INTEREST OF  
MEMBER STATES IN SERVING ON THE AGENCY'S POWERFUL BOARD;  
THIS YEAR, FOR FIRST TIME IN AGENCY'S HISTORY,  
CONTESTS ARE BEING WAGED FOR THREE OUT OF ELEVEN SEATS  
BEING VACATED. THERE ARE THREE ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES  
FOR TWO LATIN AMERICAN SEATS BECOMING VACANT, THREE  
CANDIDATES FOR TWO AFRICAN SEATS BECOMING VACANT AND  
"FLOATING" SEAT SHARED BY THREE REGIONS IS BEING  
SOUGHT BY PAKISTAN AND INDONESIA. DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

3. LATIN AMERICA. PERU AND COSTA RICA VACATE THEIR  
SEATS THIS YEAR. AS NOTED REF A, MEXICO BROKE RANKS  
WITH REST OF LA GROUP BY OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCING ITS  
CANDIDACY LAST DECEMBER DESPITE A PREVIOUS PLEDGE OF  
SUPPORT BY THE LA CAUCUS TO CHILE FOR ONE OF THE SEATS  
AND TO COLOMBIA, BY VIRTUE OF NORMAL ROTATION, FOR THE  
OTHER. MISSION IS INFORMED BY OTHER LA MISSIONS  
THAT THESE COMMITMENTS STILL STAND AND THAT THE LOCAL LA  
GROUP WILL SO INFORM OTHER MISSIONS FOR THEIR GUIDANCE  
IN VOTING AT THE GC. THIS WILL BE AN IMPORTANT STEP, FOR  
THE TRADITION OF CONSENSUS IS STRONG IN AGENCY AFFAIRS.  
MOST DELEGATIONS INCLUDING THOSE FROM USSR AND EASTERN  
EUROPE ARE LOATH TO MEDDLE IN AFFAIRS OF OTHER REGIONS,  
AND HAVE STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE FOR CANDIDATE  
HAVING REGIONAL SUPPORT. SHOULD MEXICO REMAIN ADAMANT  
IN PURSUING ITS CANDIDACY EVEN WITHOUT THE ENDORSEMENT  
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OF THE REGION, IT WILL BE EMBARRASSING AND ANNOYING NOT  
ONLY TO OTHER LA MEMBERS BUT TO OTHERS AS WELL FOR IT IS  
GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MEXICO'S MOTIVES IN SEEKING  
ELECTION OUT OF TURN (MEXICO'S TURN COMES UP IN 1976)  
ARISES SOLELY FROM ITS IDEOLOGICAL CONFRONTATION WITH  
CHILE. MEXICO'S CHANCES CANNOT BE RULED OUT, HOWEVER.  
VOTING ON THIS QUESTION IS BY SECRET BALLOT AND MANY  
OF THE SOCIALIST AND LDC STATES CONTRARY TO TRADITION MAY VERY

WELL ABSTAIN IF NOT SUPPORT MEXICO (IN THIS CONNECTION,  
CHILE, ALONG WITH ISRAEL AND ROK, IS ROUTINELY CONDEMNED  
BY SOVIET SPOKESMAN DURING BOARD DISCUSSION OF  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE). SHOULD MEXICO SUCCEED BY VIRTUE  
OF ABSTENTIONS OR OTHERWISE, IT WOULD SET A PRECEDENT  
WHICH COULD SERIOUSLY DAMAGE TRADITION OF REGIONAL

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CONSENSUS AND PRODUCE PLETHORA OF MAVERICK CANDIDACIES  
FROM ALL AREAS AT FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE GC. MISSION  
PLANS DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH SOVIET AND OTHER DELS IN  
NEAR FUTURE AFTER LA CAUCUS HAS ADVISED MISSION OF ITS  
DECISION. FOR MEXICO CITY: WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE

THAT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN LOCAL MEXICAN MISSION AND DEPARTMENT EXTERNAL RELATIONS ARE LESS THAN IDEAL. EMBASSY MAY WISH RAISE MATTER WITH EXTERNAL RELATIONS DISCREETLY INFORMING IT OF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF STATUS OF MEXICO'S CANDIDACY AMONG OTHER LA MEMBERS AND INQUIRING WHAT MEXICO'S INTENTIONS ARE IN LIGHT OF THAT UNDERSTANDING.

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4. AFRICA. UNTIL SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, LIBYA AND SENEGAL WERE ONLY ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES FOR SEATS BEING VACATED BY SUDAN AND GABON. MISSION LEARNED RECENTLY THAT ALGERIAN MISSION GENEVA HAS CIRCULATED NOTES DECLARING ITS CANDIDACY AS WELL AND WE ASSUME FROM PAST PRACTICE AMONG DISPARATE MEMBERS OF AFRICAN GROUP, ALGERIA IS CONTESTING LIBYA'S CANDIDACY, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED MONTHS AGO. ALGERIA'S DEMARCHE MAY ONLY REFLECT LACK OF COORDINATION AMONG MAGHREB CAPITALS. LOCAL EGYPTIAN REP TOLD MISOFF HE WAS "ASTONISHED" TO LEARN OF ALGERIAN CANDIDACY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF US MISSION GENEVA OR EMBASSY ALGIERS COULD SHED ANY LIGHT ON MATTER.

5. "FLOATING" SEAT. OF THREE CONTESTS, MOST UNTIDY ONE AT THIS STAGE IS CANDIDACY OF BOTH PAKISTAN AND INDONESIA FOR SEAT BEING VACATED BY PHILIPPINES WHICH IS SEAT SHARED BY REGIONS OF MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA, SOUTHEAST ASIA AND PACIFIC, AND FAR EAST. SEAT WAS CREATED BY REVISION OF ARTICLE VI OF STATUTE IN 1973 AND HAS BEEN HELD SINCE THAT TIME BY PHILIPPINES, REPRESENTING FAR EAST. INDONESIA CLAIMS SUPPORT OF ALL MEMBERS OF ITS REGION, BUT IN CASE OF THIS SEAT THIS IN ONLY PART OF BATTLE SINCE ISSUE INVOLVED THREE REGIONS AND NOT ENOUGH TIME HAS ELAPSED FOR ROTATIONAL PATTERN AMONG REGIONS TO DEVELOP. PIVOTAL FACTOR WILL BE ATTITUDES OF TOKYO, SEOUL AND MANILA WHICH COMPRISE CRUX OF FE GROUP. MISSION IS SOUNDING OUT THOSE MISSIONS AND WILL ADVISE.

6. ANTICIPATING THAT INSTRUCTIONS TO USDEL WILL BE TO SUPPORT REGIONAL OR INTERREGIONAL CONSENSUS (IN CASE OF FLOATING SEAT), MISSION WILL REPORT AS SOON AS CHOICES HAVE BEEN SORTED OUT. ELECTIONS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 26 NEAR END OF SESSION. CONTESTS MAY NOT BE RESOLVED UNTIL SOMETIME DURING COURSE OF CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS WEEK OF GC.LABOWTIZ

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